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TOPIC Rangsdorf AirfieldEVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED                      25X1CDATE OF CONTENT 17 February to 25 March 1952DATE OBTAINED                      25X1C DATE PREPARED 8 April 1952REFERENCES                     PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)                     REMARKS                     

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1. About 2 p.m. on 8 March 1952, source passed through Rangsdorf and observed that many EM wearing coveralls were working on a type-27 jet bomber on the landing field of Rangsdorf airfield. Source believed that the plane had made an emergency landing. \*
2. On 19 March, source observed that 11 green biplanes, a fighter with radial engine and a bomber were parked at the field. A landing cross was observed on the field for the first time. There were no lighting facilities. Small flags were used as markings.
3. At 9 a.m. on 21 March, two new caterpillar tractors were being unloaded at Rangsdorf railroad station. Two officers and seven air force soldiers were observed there. The vehicles were on the field at 6 p.m.
4. On 17 February, no aircraft were observed at the field. There was no flying. No vehicular traffic was observed at the entrance where Soviet Air Force soldiers were posted. Only a few billets were lighted after dark.
5. A woman from Rangsdorf said that she will be probably employed as a kitchen help at Rangsdorf airfield in March or April after the arrival of a new unit.
6. Between 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on 25 March, no aircraft or air activities were observed at the field. There was a cloud base of 400 to 500 meters and a visibility of 800 meters. No maintenance work was being done at the field. The two observation towers along the Berlin-Zossen railroad line were occupied by Soviet Air Force soldiers. Fourteen air force soldiers were observed cleaning in front of the three repair shops. Tractors and trailers loaded with timber arrived at the field from the Rangsdorf railroad station.                      The EM wore black-bordered black opaullets. A generator was in operation in front of the repair shops, and a cable extended toward the shops. \*\*

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- \*            Comment. The plane certainly made an emergency landing since the field is not suitable for this aircraft type.

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\*\* [ ] Comment. A repair shop for piston aircraft engines is located in Langsdorf. The report does not contain indications that essential changes occurred at the field. If the information furnished by the local resident on an additional occupation is correct, only a ground unit may be concerned since the landing field is not suitable for sustained operations.

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